

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 11 through 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thirty-two (32) claims remain pending in the application: claims 1 through 10 and 17 through 38.

Applicant elects to prosecute claims directed to Group I, claims 1 through 10 and 17 through 38, drawn to implantable medical device, classified in class 607, subclass 75.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited. Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens at (805) 781-2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,


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